## **REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Claims 18, 21 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-15, 17 and 19 are pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-15, 17 and 19 are allowable. Applicants have cancelled claims 18, 21 and 22 without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims currently pending in the application are allowed, and request that the Examiner pass these claims to issuance.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above amendments and arguments, or any suggestions for further amending the claims to obtain allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicants attorney, John Fitzgerald, at 310-242-2667.

Please charge any additional fees payable in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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